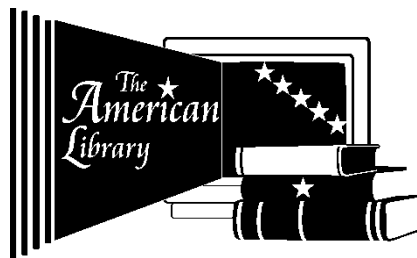


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## ARCHITECTURE & URBAN PLANNING

1. Filler, Martin.  
Makers of modern architecture / Martin Filler. New York Review Books, ©2007. 323 p. 724.6 FIL

This collection of essays originally appeared in the *New York Review of Books*, this work is a wonderful introduction to 20th-century architecture. Filler focuses each chapter on a single architect or firm, discussing their place in the history of architecture as well as some of their most important works. For some architects, particularly those who have become synonymous with high-profile projects – such as Frank Gehry or Richard Meier – Filler uses a single signature building to shed light on the architect by reading its structure and features as representative of their style. For others – such as Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright design philosophy is his focus. Filler demonstrates how their aesthetic vision shaped everything they created, from furniture and fixtures to residences and office buildings. The result is magnificent from start to finish. Filler writes elegant prose that captures the feeling of these buildings in a way that makes the illustrations almost unnecessary. He also discusses architecture in a way that will be both satisfying to specialists or practitioners and accessible to nonspecialists. -- ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2007)

2. VanDerZanden, Ann Marie.  
Landscape design : theory and application / Ann Marie VanDerZanden and Steven N. Rodie. Delmar Learning, ©2008. 424 p. REF 712 VAN

Drawing on their 23 years of teaching experience in landscape design, VanDerZanden and Rodie have authored an authoritative textbook on the topic. They present the design tools used in landscape designing and how to use them to graphically represent a landscape design concept. They begin with designing as a process and demonstrate how human preferences impact landscape design components. Primarily targeted towards the landscape design students, the book intends to impart the basic concept of art and its application to aesthetic landscape design principles. It discusses strategies for interacting with the client, selling a landscape concept, and then finally creating a design. It also includes details on material selection, pricing a landscape, and other elements for becoming a

successful landscape designer. Four case studies have been included in the appendix section, which provide the opportunity to apply knowledge learned and skills gained to actual landscape designing dilemmas. -- (For use only in the Library) ND

## THE ARTS

3. Ames, Kevin.  
The digital photographer's notebook : a pro's guide to Adobe Photoshop CS3, Lightroom, and Bridge / Kevin Ames. Peachpit Press, ©2008. 341 p. REF 775 AME

This book on photography in contemporary digital environment is an expert primer on the entire life cycle of the digital image. It restates many of the issues already published in Kevin Ames's column in *Photoshop User*, updates the thought processes, and presents them in light of the latest and newest tools including Adobe Photoshop CS3 and Adobe Photoshop Lightroom. While the regular readers of Ames may not find the contents entirely new, the new readers will definitely be interested in the organized presentation of the book, which is not possible in magazines. The scope of the book is quite wide – starting with shooting photographs on location or in the studio, inspiration, lighting, archiving digital photographs, web galleries, to photography and Photoshop. However, the core of the book remains photography, which according to Ames begins in the camera. Photoshop is then used for enhancements that are impossible to do with the camera. Those serious about Photoshop and photography will find this book indispensable and will gain thorough understanding of photography and that of Adobe's suite of digital photography. -- (For use only in the Library) CH

## **BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT**

4. Blackburn, William R.  
The sustainability handbook / William R. Blackburn. Environmental  
Law Institute, ©2007. 787 p. REF 658.408 BLA

Blackburn's insights gained over 25 years managing global environmental, health, safety (EHS) and sustainability programs form the basis of this extremely informative and practical handbook. Providing a backgrounder on the topic, it proposes a practical approach for managing companies in an efficient way taking into account important sustainability trends. Written primarily with large companies in mind, the handbook also elaborates how nongovernmental organizations, governmental organizations, colleges and universities should approach sustainability. It is filled with ample explanations, practical strategies, checklists, forms, tips, and reference information. -- (For use only in the Library) CH/M/ND

5. Hess, Peter M.  
Career success : right here, right now! / Peter M. Hess. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.  
Thomson Delmar Learning, ©2007. 310 p. 650.14 HES

Drawing on his own experiences, Hess provides students with everything they need to establish a career and achieve success. Mostly people remain unaware of the unique attributes of their personal qualities, skills, interests, beliefs, and values and are not sure about what they want from a career. Hess says if people knew what they wanted, finding a satisfying job would become much easier. He provides expert advice on planning a career, beginning a job search, facing interviews confidently, advancing career opportunities through networking, and succeeding on the job throughout the career. The assignments and exercises included in the book throw more light on the topic and give the book a practical approach. The book will serve as a good resource book for those graduate students who are out of college, waiting to take their first step on their career journey. -- K

6. Hitt, Michael A.  
Organizational behavior : a strategic approach / Michael A. Hitt, C.  
Chet Miller and Adrienne Colella. Wiley, ©2006. 590 p.  
658.3 HIT

Synthesizing classic and recent research, Hitt, Miller, and Colella present an introduction to organizational management that rests on a "strategic approach," premised on the idea that people are the foundation for a firm's competitive advantage. After introducing their basic approach, they present a section on individual processes that addresses learning and perceptions; personality, attitudes, and values; work motivation; and workplace stress. They then turn to the topic of groups, teams, and social processes in chapters discussing leadership; communication; decision making by individuals and groups; groups and teams; and conflict, power, and politics. The final chapters discuss organizational structure and culture and organizational change and development. Case material is taken from the examples of Dell, Carlson Companies, Allen & Co., Google, and Microsoft. The book dispenses with technical jargon, making it easy-to-read even for people with no background on the topic. -- ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

7. The practice of leadership : developing the next generation of leaders / Jay A. Conger and Ronald E. Riggio ; foreword by Bernard M. Bass. Jossey-Bass, 2007. 402 p. 658.4092 KRA

This book is based on the papers given at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Kravis-de Roulet Leadership Conference, "Best practices in leadership," held at the Kravis Leadership Institute at Claremont McKenna College in 2005. It incorporates contributions from top scholars who focus on various areas of leadership practice. The contributors to this book believe that leadership can be developed and both individuals and their organizations can proactively influence leadership capability. The authors in this book show how leaders can improve their own effectiveness across a wide range of situations. -- ND



## COMMUNICATION

8. Breaking news : how the Associated Press has covered war, peace, and everything else / reporters of the Associated Press ; with a foreword by David Halberstam. Princeton Architectural Press, ©2007. 432 p. REF 070.435 BRE

In this collection of twelve essays, AP reporters review many of the stories delivered over that period. Each essay is heavily illustrated with AP photos and uses texts from actual AP news reports. The essays discuss how the AP covered each event, as well as how the reporters interacted with their editors. *Breaking News* throws open its archives inviting readers into its news bureaus and out into the field to witness first hand its groundbreaking reporting on presidents, elections, wars, civil rights, trials and crimes, disasters, business, and major sports events. The chapters are arranged thematically; for example, there are two chapters covering wars, one on famous trials, and one on sports. The most interesting chapters review freedom of the press and AP involvement in the relevant cases including its resistance to an order to erase a recording of a 2004 Antonin Scalia speech. Although the topics are mostly covered briefly, the book has a lot of information that will be handy to any aspiring journalist. -- (For use only in the Library) ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2007)

9. Eisenhuth, Susie.  
The writer's reader : understanding journalism and non-fiction / Susie Eisenhuth and Willa McDonald. Cambridge University Press, ©2007. 225 p. 808.06607 EIS

This collection of non-fiction focuses squarely on the importance of reading other writers. Top writers and journalists who have written effectively about different events and issues candidly reveal how they approach the task of writing. This book presents both selected non-fiction articles and interviews about the process of writing. Most writers feel that the best way to develop a sense of story is to read extensively and their advice to aspiring writers is to do the same – read, read, and read. -- ND

10. Goldstein, Tom.  
Journalism and truth : strange bedfellows / Tom Goldstein ;  
foreword by Howard H. Baker, Jr. Northwestern University Press,  
©2007. 207 p. 071.3 GOL

The relationship between journalism and truth is at the core of this very timely book as it traces the way journalism has changed over time. Goldstein explores why reliable standards of objectivity and accuracy are critical not only to a free press but also to the democratic society it informs. He proclaims Jayson Blair's plagiarism at *The New York Times* to be the worst breach of faith in the recent history of journalism. Chapters include journalism as non-representative truth, eyewitness to history, misadventures in fact checking, and looking forward. -- ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

11. Kavin, Kim.  
The everything guide to magazine writing : from writing irresistible queries to landing your first assignment—all you need to build a successful career / Kim Kavin. Adams Media, ©2007. 305 p.  
808.06607 KAV

*The Everything Guide to Magazine Writing* is a practical and authoritative book on the intricacies of magazine writing and comes as a boon for any aspiring magazine writer. This distinctive publication stands out from the rest on similar topics and qualifies as a one-stop resource. Its scope extends from improving one's writing skills to starting one's own business. Kim Kavin, who herself is a successful and talented full-time freelance writer, editor and photographer, provides the insider's tips and guidance on becoming a magazine writer. This book is meant for both amateurs and professionals alike, offering them insights into a magazine writer's role, marketing oneself, copyright issues, getting the best price for one's articles, and other associated issues. -- ND

12. Killed cartoons : casualties from the war on free expression / edited by David Wallis. W.W. Norton & Co., ©2007. 282 p. 070.4 KIL

Wallis displays 95 cartoons rejected by editors fearful of offending their readership, advertisers, corporate owners, or political leaders. A brief essay describing the circumstances surrounding the rejection prefaces

each cartoon. Though each part may be read alone, a sequential reading reveals Wallis's thoughtful editorial choices as each entry builds subtly on the last. The collection is enriched by the comments of the cartoonists themselves, which Wallis includes whenever possible. The inclusion of these diverse voices increases the value and readability of the work. This collection is particularly powerful in light of the 2006 riots surrounding the Danish Muhammad cartoons, a topic dealt with here at some length and with considerable nuance. -- ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2007)

13. Lieb, Thom.  
All the news : writing and reporting for convergent media / Thom Lieb. Pearson/Allyn & Bacon, ©2009. 337 p. 808.06607 LIE

This book primarily focuses on writing, which is the most important skill in journalism. Targeted specifically at students of journalism, this book seeks to prepare them to write for all the major media – print, online, radio and television. It stresses the importance of convergence training for journalism students. The book teaches them to tell stories with text, audio, video and online elements. The chapters are complemented with exercises that allow students to apply the principles learnt in the chapters. Students of journalism and those who are interested in mastering the art of writing for the convergent media will find this book extremely useful. -- K

14. Media bias : finding it, fixing it / edited by Wm. David Sloan and Jenn Burleson Mackay. McFarland & Co., ©2007. 258 p. 302.23 MED

Rather than adding more fuel to the debate over media bias, Sloan and Mackay present perspectives on how much bias exists and of what type. In seventeen chapters, contributors analyze evidence for biased views and make recommendations for balanced reporting on such hot button issues as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, religion, abortion, feminists, homosexuality, crime, the environment, military, management and labor, and medicine. Each essay introduces the topic, presents arguments for and against the specific bias, assesses the evidence for all arguments, and includes a list of suggested readings. -- ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

15. Perlich, Martin.  
The art of the interview : a guide to insightful interviewing / Martin Perlich. Silman-James Press, ©2007. 131 p. 070.43 PER

Martin Perlich squeezes his forty years of experience in conducting almost every type of interview including celebrity, political, author, sports, arts, scientific, in all types of formats like print, radio, television, film, Internet, recorded, and live broadcast in this authoritative book on the art and skills of interviewing. The book illustrates various facets of interviewing, including interviewer's preparation, attitude, interaction, and improvisation. The book is highly practical in its approach and offers guidelines that will not only benefit the novice, but will also be useful for veteran interviewers from any media. It arms everyone with fundamental communications strategies essential for an inspired and spontaneous conversation. A number of interview anecdotes have also been added to further illuminate the text and enhance the experience of the readers. This insightful book is a must-read title for anyone who needs to connect and learn from other human beings. -- ND

## **ECONOMICS**

16. Business and environmental policy : corporate interests in the American political system / edited by Michael E. Kraft and Sheldon Kamieniecki. MIT Press, ©2007. 358 p. 333.7 BUS

This book examines the influence of American businesses in environmental policymaking. Through carefully selected, well-researched papers, it evaluates the extent to which business interests have succeeded in shaping American public policy. The collection of essays systematically analyzes corporate influence at all stages of the policy process, focusing on the factors that determine the success or failure of business lobbying in Congress, state legislatures, local governments, federal and state agencies, and the courts. It also scrutinizes the use of media in influencing public opinion. By virtue of the depth of subject's treatment, this book makes an original and important addition to the literature on the topic that will attract scholars of U.S. foreign policy and global environmental politics -- K/ND

17. Street smart : competition, entrepreneurship, and the future of roads / edited by Gabriel Roth ; foreword by Mary E. Peters. Transaction, ©2006. 564 p. 388.1 STR

Roth and his collaborators present the case for privatizing the provision and operation of roads. In addition to presenting theoretical arguments for road privatization, chapters discuss different methods of road pricing, historical experiences of privately owned roads, and policy approaches to road privatization. The authors see at least four possible roles for private companies, beyond the well-known one of working under contract to design, build, or maintain governmentally provided roads. They provide several examples of road pricing, privatizing, and contracting out and illustrate strategies for implementing privatization in this sector -- CH (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

## EDUCATION

18. Beaty, Janice J.  
Skills for preschool teachers / Janice J. Beaty. 8<sup>th</sup> ed. Pearson/Merrill/Prentice Hall, ©2008. 392 p. 372.21 BEA

This book has been thoroughly updated with several new features. It presents skills based on Child Development Associate (CDA) training. It includes thirteen chapters from CDA functional areas, which have been written in the most comprehensible manner. The book contains resources for activities that would benefit both beginning and experienced preschool teachers. -- K

19. Beyond tests and quizzes : creative assessments in the college classroom / edited by Richard J. Mezeske and Barbara A. Mezeske. Jossey-Bass, ©2007. 225 p. 378.166 BEY

This collection of fourteen essays by Richard and Barbara Mezeske is primarily meant for college instructors who are open to and looking for better assessment tools to measure learning so that instruction can be adjusted and improved accordingly. Different educators from a range of universities provide different creative methodologies for better assessment of learning in any discipline. They present various assessment models

including concept mapping, variable grading, learning logs, moving from memorization to analysis, making labs more practical, exams as learning experiences, web-based assessment, thinking styles, tracking learning over time, and assessment in the real world. These assessment models translate to a range of academic settings and are easily adaptable. -- CH/M

20. Gappa, Judith M.  
Rethinking faculty work : higher education's strategic imperative /  
Judith M. Gappa, Ann E. Austin and Andrea G. Trice. Jossey-Bass,  
©2007. 373 p. 378.12 GAP

This book by two academics of higher education and a practitioner turned consultant reveals how recent policy shifts in higher education, finance and demographics have changed the context of higher education in the United States, transforming the careers of faculties – the heart of the universities and colleges. The authors provide a model for helping faculty to do their best and offer a comprehensive set of recommendations to guide faculty and administrators. They identify five key elements essential to the better work experience of all faculty members – equality, academic freedom, flexibility, professional growth, and collegiality. They advocate these frameworks extensively for colleges and universities to revamp their academic workplaces. Their advocacy is supported by several illustrative examples, making this book remarkably practical in its approach to ensure fresh thinking in creating a qualitative, creative, diverse, and talented academic faculty. -- CH/ND

21. Keohane, Nannerl O.  
Higher ground : ethics and leadership in the modern university /  
Nannerl O. Keohane. Duke University Press, ©2006. 284 p.  
174.9378 KEO

Despite a long career in higher education, Keohane's enthusiasm about the excitement of life on college campuses is truly reflected in this book, which presents some of her articles and speeches about the role of today's university from her years as president of Wellesley College (1981-93) and Duke University (1993-2004). She writes passionately about the need to help university students think about ethics and also the need to focus on the good of the majority. The best piece is one of the shortest – a meditation on when university presidents should speak out on controversial

issues. Keohane's approach is a refreshing blend of vision and practicality, for example when she argues that universities need to reward good teaching and considers how that might be accomplished. While much of her work is grounded in theory, it is clearly written and peppered with personal anecdotes and down-to-earth references that make for accessible reading . -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2006)

## **ENVIRONMENT**

22. Berne, Emma Carlson.  
Global warming and climate change / by Emma Carlson Berne.  
ReferencePoint Press, ©2008. 112 p. 363.73874 BER

This timely book introduces the concerns and the consequences of global warming, elaboratING what global warming actually is and why should we be so concerned about it. It takes stock of the controversies surrounding the global warming and suggests possible solutions to this global threat. This tightly organized book, presented in a user-friendly format, is sure to hold interest of anyone interested in exploring the impact of global warming on our climatic conditions. -- M

23. Environmental justice and environmentalism : the social justice challenge to the environmental movement / edited by Ronald Sandler and Phaedra C. Pezzullo. MIT Press, ©2007. 352 p.  
363.7 ENV

Although the environmental movement and environmental justice many seem to be natural allies, actually they are not. This compilation of ten original essays by contributors from various disciplines assesses the relationship between the two movements' ethical commitments and activist goals. It presents the challenges posed to both movements by globalization and climate change. The essays included advocate one unified movement as opposed to divergent movements like these. -- M

24. Pearce, Fred.  
With speed and violence : why scientists fear tipping points in climate change / Fred Pearce. Beacon Press, ©2007. 278 p. 551.6 PEA

Pearce presents some climate modelers' frightening predictions about the consequences of increased global warming. After studying the history of the earth's climate changes, these scientists have learned that, under pressure from natural forces, major shifts can happen abruptly. Today, with the added stress of human interference, irreversible changes could threaten the habitability of our planet. For example, drought and fire could cause the Amazon rainforest to disappear; huge amounts of methane, a greenhouse gas that can be 100 times more powerful than carbon dioxide, could be released by the meltdown of Siberian peat; and aerosol emissions in India and China could end the indispensable Asian monsoon. Hard-line skeptics disagree, of course, but Pearce cites highly respected scientists who assert that the threats have been underestimated, especially by the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The glaciers and ice sheets at the poles are said to be disintegrating at such alarming rates that we may actually be only a decade and one degree of warming away from global catastrophe. The science behind climate studies is complex, but Pearce makes it accessible enough to jolt even the most uninitiated layperson. -- K (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2006)

25. The sustainable development paradox : urban political economy in the United States and Europe / edited by Rob Krueger and David Gibbs. Guilford Press, ©2007. 310 p. 338.9 SUS

Geographers from the United States, Britain, Canada, and Spain explore the theoretical underpinnings and political influences on efforts to incorporate environmental sustainability into urban and regional development projects in industrial and post-industrial economies. Their topics include the environmental crisis and the survival of capitalism, looking for spaces of sustainability politics in the competitive city, and the spatial politics of conservation planning. Case studies include England, Barcelona, and California's Imperial Valley. -- M (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2008)



26. Water / edited by Carrie Fredericks. Greenhaven Press, ©2006.  
120 p. 333.91 WAT

This book in the *Fueling the Future* series focuses on water as a source of energy, elaborating the controversies surrounding the hydropower technologies. It presents the history and development of water power in the United States. The book further discusses the advantages and drawbacks of hydropower and explores the future of hydropower. It also portrays the dilemma between using the power of energy to generate cheap electricity and at the same time protecting the lakes and rivers and plants and animals dependent on them, two opposing needs, which have become a source of intense debate in the United States. -- CH/K/M/ND

27. Freeman, S. David.  
Winning our energy independence : an energy insider shows how / S. David Freeman. Gibbs Smith, Publisher, ©2007. 226 p. 333.794 FRE

*Winning Our Energy Independence* seeks to find solutions for the global energy crisis. In light of the fact that carbon-based fuels are creating unsolicited greenhouse effects and nuclear power is both dangerous and economically unfeasible, the search for a renewable energy resource is on. The answer is sought in solar and wind power, ethanol and other biofuels, geothermal energy, hydrogen, and other similar renewable resources that will also support life on earth. Energy insider S. David Freeman proposes creating a high-energy global civilization, which would be free from carbon-based fuels. He advocates combined action coupled with a greater public awareness for ensuring a safe world for everyone. -- CH/K/ND

## HISTORY & CIVILIZATION

28. Ellis, Joseph J.  
American creation : triumphs and tragedies at the foundation of the Republic / by Joseph J. Ellis. 1<sup>st</sup> large print ed. Random House Large Print, ©2007. 493 p. 973.3 ELL

This subtle, brilliant examination of the period between the War of Independence and the Louisiana Purchase puts Pulitzer-winner Ellis (*Founding Brothers*) among the finest of America's narrative historians.

Six stories, each centering on a significant creative achievement or failure, combine to portray often flawed men and their efforts to lay the republic's foundation. Set against the extraordinary establishment of "the most liberal nation-state in the history of Western Civilization... in the most extensive and richly endowed plot of ground on the planet" are the terrible costs of victory, including the perpetuation of slavery and the cruel oppression of Native Americans. Ellis blames the Founders' failures on their decision to opt for an evolutionary revolution, not a risky severance with tradition. Despite the injustices and brutalities that resulted, Ellis argues, "this deferral strategy" was "a profound insight rooted in a realistic appraisal of how enduring social change best happens." Those interested in getting back to the founding years of America will appreciate Ellis's lucid, illuminating and ironic prose. -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2007)

## **INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

29. Burke, John.  
Neal-Schuman library technology companion : a basic guide for library staff / John J. Burke. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Neal-Schuman Publishers, ©2006. 239 p. 025 BUR

John Burke, a public services librarian, revises the basic material of his first edition and introduces and explains several recent technological advances including RSS, blogs, open source, and podcasting. Comprising of seventeen chapters, the book is divided into five parts. Part one offers a historical overview of library technology. Part two focuses on technology tools – computers, networks, software, storage devices, electronic resources, etc. Part three turns attention to library users and staff addressing issues such as adaptive/assistive technology, virtual reference, Web sites, distance learning, and presentation technologies. Part four examines the technology environment that incorporates security measures, troubleshooting, and ergonomics. Part five tackles long-range planning and the future of library technology. Figures, screen shots, chapter bibliographies, and a glossary supplement the text. This guide truly succeeds in elucidating the complexities of library technology and will be appreciated by library and information science professionals. -- CH (Adapted from Booklist, ©2006)

30. Cortese, Juliann.  
Internet learning and the building of knowledge / Juliann Cortese.  
Cambria Press, ©2007. 183 p. 303.4834 COR

Juliann Cortese seeks to explore how the effectiveness of the Internet can be maximized for better learning experience. She examines how people use the Internet to find information about health, especially alternative medicine. She elaborates how design elements such as pop-up windows with augmented content and relational links influence our knowledge structure as well as definitional and factual knowledge. This is a must-read book for the educators and those concerned with designing hypermedia environment for learning. -- M

31. Gibbons, Susan.  
The academic library and the net gen student : making the connections / Susan Gibbons. American Library Association, ©2007. 119 p. 027.7 GIB

Gibbons' training and experience have given her a unique perspective on the role of academic libraries in a digital world and the perceptions of "Net Generation patrons." The book starts with an overview of the mission of an academic library and describes the "Net Generation." It goes on to discuss specific technologies like online gaming, blogging, and social bookmarking. Readers who are unfamiliar with online gaming will benefit from her explanation of why libraries need to care about this phenomenon. Gibbons has written a book that should be required reading for all academic librarians. -- ND (Adapted from Booklist, ©2007)

32. Goleniewski, Lillian.  
Telecommunications essentials : the complete global source / Lillian Goleniewski ; edited by Kitty Wilson Jarrett. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Addison-Wesley, ©2007. 865 p. 621.382 GOL

This guide serves as a reference to telecommunications technologies, covering terminology and issues, infrastructures, and new developments and applications. It provides access to the most recent information on the latest applications, information on financial and legal news, and connections to telecommunications career groups and newsgroups. Beginning with the basics, the volume reviews technology

fundamentals, traditional transmission media, communication channels, and the PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network). It then describes data communications and networking, the new generation of networks, and wireless communications. This edition addresses new developments in next-generation networks, IP (Internet Protocol) networks and services, and optical networking, and contains new sections on IP telephony, VPNs (Virtual Private Networks), NGN (Next Generation Network) architectures, broadband access alternatives, and broadband wireless applications. -- CH (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

33. Hudson, Valerie M.  
Foreign policy analysis : classic and contemporary theory / Valerie M. Hudson. Rowman & Littlefield Pub., ©2007. 225 p. 327.101 HUD

Foreign policy analysis, as presented here by Hudson, is grounded in the idea that theorizing the relations between states cannot be reduced to treating states as unitary rational actors. It instead recognizes a number of levels of analysis, including the political psychology of world leaders; small group dynamics, organizational process, and bureaucratic process; culture and national identity; domestic politics and opposition; and the international system. Hudson explains theoretical approaches of foreign policy analysis for each of these levels and explores the "promise and frustration" of attempting their theoretical integration. -- ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

34. Millar, Alistair.  
Allied against terrorism : what's needed to strengthen worldwide commitment / Alistair Millar and Eric Rosand. Century Foundation, ©2006. 134 p. 363.325 MIL

Examining and assessing global efforts to combat terrorism, Millar and Rosand assess the effectiveness of international measures against terrorists and terrorism. They present a rigorous analysis of the United Nations-led campaign of nonmilitary measure to combat global terrorist threats. While they identify many successes, they also point out

some limitations of the U.N.'s operation units and political bodies responsible for counterterrorism. Authors offer some suggestion about how the U.N. efforts could be made more coherent and effective. They further recommend creating a new global organization to overcome global terrorism. -- M

35. Page, Benjamin I.  
The foreign policy disconnect : what Americans want from our leaders but don't get / Benjamin I. Page ; with Marshall M. Bouton.  
University of Chicago Press, ©2006. 356 p. 327.73 PAG

Based on public opinion surveys and sophisticated multiple regression analysis, Page and Bouton challenge the common notion that Americans are ill informed, inconsistent, and capricious in foreign policy matters. They describe in detail the collective policy preferences of the American public, maintaining that there have been frequent gaps and consistent disconnects between their opinion and those of governmental decision makers. Authors state that this is troubling for a democracy and that U.S. foreign policy would be better and more sustainable if decision makers paid more attention to American public opinion. The authors have done fine job bringing together several topics that are often treated in isolation from one another like pros and cons of alternative military, economic, and diplomatic foreign policies and democratic responsiveness. The book will be of interest to all who care about democratic theory and are concerned with U.S. foreign policy and the role of the United States in the world. -- CH

## LAW

36. Creative common law strategies for protecting the environment / edited by Clifford Rechtschaffen and Denise Antolini.  
Environmental Law Institute, ©2007. 426 p. 344.73046 CRE

Despite new environmental laws passed over the past four decades, and the new legal culture that has evolved with them, traditional remedies like trespass, nuisance, and fraud can still prove useful to environmental advocates. Scholars and practitioners of environmental law explore such aspects as the limits of statutory law and wisdom of common law. This book

captures how common law theories are being used by environmental plaintiffs throughout the United States and the obstacles that remain. It offers helpful and potentially adaptable strategies for environmental practitioners. The book is an invaluable guide for lawyers who are committed to environmental and social justice. -- M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2008)

37. Cross, Frank B.  
Decision making in the U.S. Courts of Appeals / Frank B. Cross.  
Stanford University Press, ©2007. 253 p. 347.7324 CRO

In this groundbreaking book, Cross examines decisions rendered by the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals and the opinions from those decisions. The twelve courts with geographical jurisdiction form a middle layer between trial courts and the U.S. Supreme Court, and he says they are more important in setting and enforcing the law than either of those. The perspectives he brings include political ideology, the law, judicial background, litigants, panel effects, procedural threshold effects, and precedential impact. This fascinating piece of work will attract serious political scientists and legal scholars. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

38. Kaplin, William A.  
The law of higher education. Student version / William A. Kaplin and Barbara A. Lee. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Jossey-Bass, ©2007. 713 p. 344 KAP

The book offers a broad overview of the legal issues in American higher education system. It discusses relevant cases and presents this complex issue in context of federal and state legal perspectives in a student friendly way. Filled with case examples and descriptions, this important reference book provides an up-to-date guide for coursework in higher education law. It is organized into five main parts designed for classroom teaching. Despite containing a lot of legal terminologies, the appendices provided make it suitable even for a layman. -- CH/ND

39. Rustad, Michael.  
Everyday law for consumers / Michael L. Rustad. Paradigm  
Publishers, ©2007. 309 p. 343.73071 RUS

This superb book by Michael Rustad shows the big picture about consumer law rights outlining the most effective means for consumers to protect their rights. It offers vital tools to assist small consumers in their struggle against huger corporations. The book provides practical legal strategies for protecting one's rights in a consumer transaction. It explains the rights of a consumer and what can be done to protect them. The book mainly focuses on the self-help remedies to obtain individual justice in the consumer marketplace. At the same time, it also provides guidance on finding an attorney and using his or her services effectively. -- CH/K/M/ND

40. The American Bar Association guide to resolving legal disputes :  
inside and outside the courtroom. Random House Reference,  
©2007. 186 p. 347.739 AME

This book comes as an important and much needed immediate resource to resolve legal disputes. Whether the dispute arises from employment, divorce or separation, automobile accidents, or arguments with a neighbor over a boundary line, the book will serve as a basic legal guide. It provides step-by-step instructions on how to work through legal issues. Loaded with several real-life examples and written in an easy-to-read language, this book offers tips on how to be a better negotiator. It also provides important information about mediation, arbitration, small claims court, and civil court procedures and provides the possible options under the law. Free from technical jargons, this guide is written in a concise and straightforward fashion that will be accessible to most readers. -- CH

41. Women's rights / edited by Justin Karr. Greenhaven Press, ©2008.  
200 p. 342.730878 WOM

This book examines the legacy of the women's rights movement in the United States. The contentious issues like reproductive rights, sexual harassment, gender equality in the workplace, and sex discrimination in education have been captured in legal and historical framework, revealing how American women have made significant gains in making their stakes in

the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Yet, there is an apprehension that the women's rights movement might fall victim to its own success. Citing the cases as *Roe v. Wade* and *Gonzales v. Carhart*, the book demonstrates how the United States remains divided on abortion rights of American women -- CH/K/M/ND

## LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

42. Abbotson, Susan C.W.  
Masterpieces of 20<sup>th</sup>-century American drama / Susan C.W. Abbotson. Greenwood Press, ©2005. 227 p. 812.509 ABB

Abbotson looks at ten important modern American plays from the perspectives of biographical context, plot development, character development, themes, historical context, literary styles and devices, situation of the work, and critical reception. The dramatists represented in this book include women and people of color, whose works frequently grapple with enduring social issues. Each chapter discusses a particular work. The plays range chronologically from Thornton Wilder's 1938 *Our Town* to August Wilson's 1987 *The Piano Lesson*. -- CH (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2005)

43. Elam, Harry Justin.  
The past as present in the drama of August Wilson / Harry J. Elam, Jr. University of Michigan Press, ©2004. 271 p. 812.54 WIL

This indispensable guide to the dramatic work of Pulitzer-prize winning playwright August Wilson offers an in-depth analysis of his published plays within the context of contemporary African American literature and in relation to concepts of memory and history, culture and resistance, race and representation. Harry J. Elam describes Wilson's socio-cultural focus that illustrates both present-day social conditions and past oppression, and their impact on the lives of the African Americans. Elam's meticulous analysis of Wilson's plays explores the depth of his literature, which not only elucidates the plays but also adds value to their understanding. Theater scholars and students will find this book of special interest. -- CH/K/M/ND



44. Pushcart prize XXXIII, 2009 : best of the small presses / edited by Bill Henderson with the Pushcart Prize editors. Pushcart Press, ©2009. 618 p. 808.3 PUS

Despite claims that reading is in decline, there is certainly no downswing in the need to write. Literature remains vital as the range of expression, the spectrum of ideas, and the depth of feeling in contemporary writing grows and blossoms. More than 60 striking and diverse works have been showcased here that includes bracing poems by Kurt Brown, Derek Walcott, and Elinor Wylie; essays of earth, faith, and love by Krista Bremer, Brenda Miller, and Christian Wiman; and fresh and compelling fiction by Beena Kamlani, Jack Livings, and Elizabeth Tallent. Thoughtfully dedicated to the late Raymond J. Smith, editor and publisher of the *Ontario Review* and Ontario Review Press, this generous, glimmering, and hopeful Pushcart Prize volume affirms the love readers and writers alike share for the art and spirit of strong writing. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Booklist, ©2008)

45. Risk, courage, and women : voices in prose and poetry / edited by Karen A. Waldron, Laura M. Labatt and Janice H. Brazil. University of North Texas Press, ©2007. 361 p. 810.8 RIS

Intended as an inspirational reader, this unique collection of narratives, essays, and poems starts with an interview with Maya Angelou on the courage necessary for daily life and proceeds to cover the ways in which women develop their skills to sustain their lives and those of others, to step from fear of the unknown to anticipation of it and control of it, to understand society's reliance on the concept of choice and the real choices women have to and get to make, to focus on the self, and to becoming truly multicultural. -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

46. William Faulkner : the contemporary reviews / edited by M. Thomas Inge. Cambridge University Press, 2008. 572 p. 813 FAU

This insightful book is a comprehensive anthology of contemporary published reactions to the writing of William Faulkner from 1926 to 1962. Well-known for his research on Faulkner, Inge scans through the response of reviewers to specific works to establish how book reviewers have placed Faulkner. The book provides valuable overview of Faulkner's life and works. It traces the development of Faulkner's literary journey illustrating

how book reviewing has affected sales, promotion and success of American literature. -- ND

## **PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION**

47. A nation of religions : the politics of pluralism in multireligious America / edited by Stephen Prothero. University of North Carolina Press, ©2006. 296 p. 200 NAT

This timely collection of essays explores the impact of various religions outside the Judeo-Christian umbrella on the United States, a pluralistic nation of immigrants. Focusing mainly on four religious communities, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, and Sikhs, the book reveals how these religious communities are shaping and in turn being shaped by American values. The twelve essays included in this collection address the religious diversity of America and make an important contribution to the intensifying public debate about the appropriate role of religion in American politics and society. -- K

48. Nojeim, Michael J.  
Gandhi and King : the power of nonviolent resistance / Michael J. Nojeim. Praeger, 2005. 331 p. 303.61 NOJ

Michael J. Nojeim, in this book, takes stock of the philosophies and strategies of the Indian nationalist leader Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) and American civil-rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968) – world's two greatest preachers of non-violence. Nojeim compares and analyzes the life and work of these two great leaders to reveal the power of non-violence. The author, a political scientist, says that no force is more powerful than the power of non-violence. Comparing the legacies of the two legends, the author advocates applying the power of non-violence for resolving several contemporary problems, including terrorism and other postmillennial conflict. The book is a must-read for everyone who believes that war and violence are not the answer to most of the problems facing the world today. -- CH/K/M/ND

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

49. Colbert, David.  
Martin Luther King Jr. / David Colbert. 1<sup>st</sup> Aladdin paperbacks ed.  
Aladdin Paperbacks, ©2008. 153 p. 323 KIN

After four decades of King's assassination, David Colbert tells the story of King and the civil rights movement in a style that is fascinating and easy to read in one sitting. He tells the story through selected ten pivotal days in King's life. While veteran scholars of King and civil rights will not be surprised at the choices, they, too, will learn more about King's commitment to nonviolence. This book brings to life King's role as a leader, his faith in peace, commitment to his beliefs to his death, his inspiring speeches. It associates the civil rights efforts of King with contemporary social shifts in American politics and society, leaving readers to wonder how proud King himself would have been to witness the U.S. presidential election of 2008, when a man born to a white mother and a black father got elected to the most powerful position in the United States. -- CH/K/M/ND

50. Grindle, Merilee Serrill.  
Going local : decentralization and the promise of good governance / Merilee Grindle. Princeton University Press, ©2007. 228 p.  
320.8 GRI

This book critically evaluates both the benefits and pitfalls of a decentralized government. In this unprecedented study of the effects of decentralization on thirty Mexican municipalities, Merilee Grindle examines how local governments respond when they are given new responsibilities and resources under decentralization policies. She also explores why decentralization has succeeded in some cases and failed in others. She uses both quantitative and qualitative methods in her analysis. She calls decentralization a double-edged sword and shows that its benefits, often advocated by economists, political scientists, and management specialists, are strongly influenced by the quality of local leadership and politics. -- K

51. Jackson, Troy.  
Becoming King : Martin Luther King, Jr. and the making of a national leader / Troy Jackson ; introduction by Clayborne Carson. University Press of Kentucky, ©2008. 248 p. 323 KIN

Jackson has written a convincing reinterpretation of the role of King in the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955-56. Jackson grants that King's inspirational oratory and ability to communicate to African Americans across class lines made him a powerful symbol and chief spokesman of the movement there. However, the black community in Montgomery had laid the groundwork through its organizing activities in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Local activists, white and black, including E.D. Nixon and Women's Political Council president Jo Ann Robinson, as well as civil rights lawyers Virginia and Clifford Durr and librarian Juliette Morgan, planted the seeds that flowered in the boycott. Jackson concludes that in many ways, King did not make the boycott movement; the blacks of Montgomery made him. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2008)

52. Lau, Richard R.  
How voters decide : information processing during election campaigns / Richard R. Lau and David P. Redlawsk. Cambridge University Press, ©2006. 344 p. 324.973 LAU

Lau and Redlawsk explore shifts in voting behavior and the way voters process information in election campaigns. They investigate how voters seek out and manage information regarding candidates. They present an innovative experimental methodology for understanding the chemistry inside the heads of citizens as they get bombarded with information from modern presidential election campaigns. They also examine the individual and campaign-related factors that lead voters to adopt one or another of these strategies. The authors also propose that political scientists should care about how the information is processed and gets converted into a decision inside the voter's mind. The book offers a fresh perspective in understanding what makes a voter cast his ballot and how they actually make a fully informed choice. -- K

53. Prindle, David F.  
The paradox of democratic capitalism : politics and economics in American thought / David F. Prindle. Johns Hopkins University Press, ©2006. 368 p. 320.973 PRI

Prindle gracefully weaves together the development of political, economic, and legal thought in American history from the prerevolutionary era to the eve of the September 11 attacks. His critical narrative focuses on the unfolding of classical liberalism as the most important ideological tradition and the tensions between capitalism and democracy within that ideological paradigm. He also explores classical and neoclassical economic thought, which he sees as the dominant liberal form of natural law thinking in American history. -- CH/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

54. Warren, Dan R.  
If it takes all summer : Martin Luther King, the KKK, and states' rights in St. Augustine, 1964 / Dan R. Warren. University of Alabama Press, ©2008. 210 p. 323 KIN

Written from the perspective of a southern white official, this fascinating memoir recounts the struggle against segregation in St. Augustine, Florida, in the early and mid-1960s. It beautifully captures the heat during 1964, when America's oldest city became the center of the civil rights movement as Martin Luther King Jr. chose this tourism-driven community as an ideal location to demonstrate the injustice of discrimination and the complicity of southern leaders in its enforcement. This volume is an important addition to the literature on American Civil Rights Movement. -- CH/K/M/ND

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

55. Benjamin, Ludy T.  
A brief history of modern psychology / Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr. Blackwell Publishing, ©2007. 246 p. 150.9 BEN

Benjamin, one of the most eminent historians in the field, presents a beautiful interweaving history of modern psychology from the

establishment of the first experimental psychology laboratory in 1879 to the present. He covers both the science and practice of psychology, its origins and parallel development, key figures, and topics such as physiology and psychophysics, early schools, psychoanalysis, behaviorism, and cognition. In engaging prose, the book facilitates better understanding of the richness and complexity of contemporary psychology. The book is primarily meant to be an alternative to lengthier texts and to be paired with readings in college courses. -- K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

56. Deutschman, Alan.  
Change or die : the three keys to change at work and in life / Alan Deutschman. Collins, 2008. 241 p. 155.24 DEU

Given the choice to either change or die, what would be the choice of people in a real-life situation – asks Alan Deutschman in this powerful book. Deconstructing and debunking age-old psychology about change, he concludes that although everyone has the ability to change their behavior, they rarely do. He cites examples of patients suffering from heart disease, repeat offenders in the criminal justice system, and companies trapped in the mold of unsuccessful business practices. In most of the cases, changing the mindset could effectively prevent most ominous outcomes. His three-key prescription for starters, which he calls the three Rs, includes relate, repeat, and reframe. These concepts appear to be simpler than they actually are. Deutschman demonstrates how these are effective in achieving lasting, revolutionary changes that are positive, attainable, and absolutely vital. -- CH/K/ND

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

57. Langone, John.  
Theories for everything : an illustrated history of science from the invention of numbers to string theory / John Langone, Bruce Stutz and Andrea Gianopoulos. National Geographic, ©2006. 407 p. REF 509 LAN

A trio of science journalists traces the historical development of scientific theories from serious scientific disciplines. The material has been divided into chapters on the heavens, the human body, matter and energy,

life itself, earth and moon, and mind and behavior. A typically colorful National Geographic production, this book contains some 220 illustrations from historical archives, fine-art museums, and photography collections. The general discussion is complemented with sidebar essays on various topics that are narrower and more specific in focus. -- (For use only in the Library) CH (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

## SOCIOLOGY

58. Crothers, Lane.  
Globalization and American popular culture / Lane Crothers.  
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, ©2007. 189 p. 306 CRO

Crothers, in this concise and insightful book, examines the intersections between American popular culture and the broad economic, political, cultural changes collectively referred to as "globalization." He first lays out theoretical definitions of both culture and globalization. He then describes the development of the American popular culture industry and considers its relationship to the nation-state and American civic culture, looking at some of the underlying symbols of various American movies, television shows, and musical performances. Case studies of the complex reception of American popular culture, mixing resistance and acceptance, in Iran, France, Venezuela, and Hong Kong are then presented. Finally, the book concludes with a projection of the future influence of American popular media, making a powerful argument for its central role in shaping global politics and economic development. -- CH (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

59. Currie, Elliott.  
Road to whatever : middle-class culture and the crisis of adolescence / Elliott Currie. Metropolitan Books, 2005. 305 p.  
305.235 CUR

Elliott centers his lucid study on interviews he conducted with young people who experienced personal crises and, after months of floundering, succeeded in reorienting their lives. Elliott describes the social and cultural forces pervading America's middle class – parents and school personnel punishing nonconformist adolescents by pushing them out

of the house or school. Blamed as the source of their own problems and labeled as being unfit for middle-class society, they need understanding and help. What they find, instead, is that they are forced to turn inward to discover strength within themselves, and most of these young people do exactly that – finding opportunities for new lives within communities that will include and nurture them. The author's arguments for supporting the emotional and educational development of these soon-to-be adults are well presented and make the book a persuasive read. -- K (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2005)

60. Hutchison, Kay Bailey.  
American heroines : the spirited women who shaped our country / Kay Bailey Hutchison. 1<sup>st</sup> Harper Paperbacks ed. Harper, 2006. 372 p. 920.72 HUT

Author Kay Bailey Hutchison, who became the first American woman to represent Texas in the United State Senate, presents an informal celebration of American female pioneers. The result is an interesting blend of biography, history and personal memoir about American women's past and present. The book incorporates portraits of 19<sup>th</sup>-century activists and artists along with contemporary pioneers like Condoleezza Rice, Madeleine Albright, Barbara Walters, Cokie Roberts, and Lynne Cheney. Hutchison calls these women heroines on grounds that they have not only excelled in their fields, but have also set new benchmarks for the succeeding generations. The achievements of these heroines and their commitment and courage, she writes, have overcome existing prejudices and have shaped the destiny of America as a nation. This inspirational book will prove to be an interesting read to a wide range of audience. -- M

61. What are you optimistic about? : today's leading thinkers on why things are good and getting better / edited by John Brockman. Harper Perennial, ©2007. 374 p. 303.49 WHA

This book shines as a light of hope and optimism in a world filled with pessimism and negative wisdom. An array of scholars including Nobel Laureates, Pulitzer Prize winners, New York Times bestselling authors and Harvard professors came up with their responses to John Brockman's question, "*What are you optimistic about?*"



Interestingly, the responses are very bullish especially about the power of science and technology for a better tomorrow. Some of their proactive and controversial ideas may seem a far dream today, but could be a reality tomorrow. -- CH/K/ND

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